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Prior Application:  
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☐ Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR §1.53(d);

☒ Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 (prosecution of the application is closed in the sense of 37 CFR §1.114(b));

☐ Divisional Continuation Application (parent not abandoned) under 37 CFR §1.53(b);

☐ Divisional Application (parent being abandoned) under 37 CFR §1.53(d);

of pending prior application Serial No. 09/868,182, filed June 15, 2001

for [Title as filed]: PYROTECHNICALLY UNLOCKABLE MECHANICAL LINKING DEVICE IMPLEMENTING A PISTON

[Amended Title]: same

by [Inventors]: Jean-Paul VIDOT and Patrice CHEMIERE

1. ☐ A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.

2. ☐ Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.

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3. [x] The filing fee is calculated below:

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\$770.00

Total claims	11	-20 =	0 x \$18.00 (* 9.00) =	
Independent claims	2	- 3 =	0 x \$86.00 (*43.00) =	
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4. [x] A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed (CK# 17123).  
THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES  
WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 160331.
5. [x] Cancel in this application claims 4 and 12-28 of the prior  
application before calculating the filing fee. At least one  
independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
6. [] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the  
sentence:  
  
--This is a Continuation Division of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_  
filed \_\_\_\_\_ which in turn is a \_\_\_\_\_.--
7. [] Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37  
CFR §1.116 with any attachments filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in this application  
which was not entered therein.
8. [x] Priority of foreign application(s) No. 98.15637, filed  
December 9, 1998; in France is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- [x] The certified copy was filed in PCT/FR99/03066.
- [ ] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application  
is filed herewith.
9. [x] The prior application is assigned of record to GIAT INDUSTRIES  
Recorded at Reel 011978, Frame 0927.

10. [x] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:

[x] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

[ ] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

[x] c. Address all future communications to

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11. [x] An Application Data Sheet is enclosed herewith.

12. [x] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith.


13. [x] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith.

14. [x] This application is not entitled to Small Entity Status.

15. [x] A Petition for One-Month Extension of Time is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

PARKHURST & WENDEL, L.L.P.

  
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